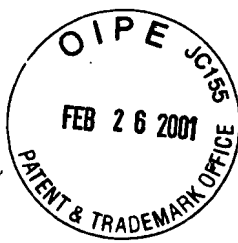


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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2000 be extended for a period of two months from January 18, 2001 to March 18, 2001.

Applicants claim small entity status. Please charge the total fee, estimated to be \$195.00, to ZymoGenetics, Inc., Deposit Account No. 26-0290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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